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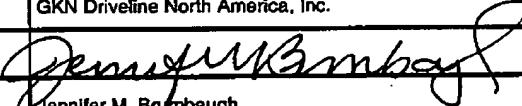
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Art Unit: 3679

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 7, 2005, please consider the following remarks in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.